

stopgap, safe fa...what is it, sale...safe...I will say it yet, fail safe amendment. In the event that there are not 25 votes to gradually increase the sales tax, why we will at least have assumed the responsibility of providing the revenue for the resolution that you placed into this bill which is in the form of a law and, of course, has a little bit more emphasis than the normal resolution. But I really fail to see...now in the event that 505 or one of these other bills increases the tax rates, there certainly is no problem about adjusting this rate now. But at least we would have done what can only be said to be a responsible action, is to assume the responsibility for the tax rates increase necessary to provide the funds for the tax shift from property to sales tax and I would fail to see how anyone could in good conscience fail to provide the revenue for this measure that a majority feels should occur. Obviously, it doesn't put anybody in a bind. Obviously, it can be adjusted downward. In fact, I have never seen the Legislature unwilling to reduce a tax rate if they had that opportunity, and at a minimum, at a minimum if you adopt this, why you may have the opportunity to reduce it on the assumption that rates were increased before. But, seriously, we have had enough experiences, I would hope the body still has enough members that you know you cannot pass legislation without providing revenue, without creating problems for the future for the state. And, you know, some day we ought to learn. This year we stuck with \$41.7 million of increased costs because of past legislation that dictated it to happen. Some of that is not yet funded. Homestead exemption is not yet funded. LB 994 is not yet funded. There is no point in going home and saying, boy, we did something for property tax relief and do not fund it. At least fund it. The bill would take effect...the amendment would take effect January 1, 1989, bringing or providing the necessary lead time to accumulate the funds to be distributed beginning in September and I would urge that you support the amendment, as they say, put your money where your mouth is because this amendment permits you to do it.

SPEAKER NICHOL: The question is the adoption of the Warner amendment. All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. I am sorry, the board had not been cleared, I guess. So actually the motion is the return of the bill for a specific amendment, the amendment to be the Warner amendment. So we are voting on the return of the bill. It takes 25 and there are 4 excused. Senator Warner.